Waiting list of Delhi Telephones

658. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the latest position of prospective subscribers on the waiting list of Delhi Telephones for various categories, as on 1st February, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): The latest position of prospective subscribers on the waiting list of Delhi Telephones for various categories as on 1-2-1986 is as per the Annexure attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXVII, Annexure No. 11.]

Targets for new telephone connections

659. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets fixed for providing new telephone connections during the Sixth Five Year Plan period, State-wise, and what was the number of telephone connections actually provided, whether the target has been achieved; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what are the annual targets fixed for the Seventh Five Year Plan period in this regard; State-wise; and what steps are proposed to be taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The Telecommunication network in the country is made up of territorial units for the telecom circles which are generally co-terminous with the States. However, there are certain exceptions where a territorial circle extends beyond the boundaries of States. Apart from this, units called Telephone Districts are identified wherever there is heavy concentration of telephone lines in a station. The targets are fixed and achievements for providing new telephone connections during the 6th Plan period are furnished in Annexure A for the various circles and districts. There has been a slight shortfall in the actual achievements of targets due to paucity of fund allocations and due to escalation of the prices as the Plan of fixed costs at 1979-80 price level.

(b) Proposed year-wise targets for entire network during the Seventh Plan period are indicated below:

(Figures in lakh lines)

1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	TOTAL
2.2	2.6	1.9	2.0	2.3	11.00

Annual targets of the Direct Exchange lines for individual territorial circles/districts are normally fixed in the preceding year. These individual circles/districts make arrangements to procure land and plan Bldgs. etc. depending upon the demand forecast for a particular station and ex-availability of funds to facilitate timely achievement of targets.

Statement

Details of Targets and Achievements of Telephone Connections during 6th Five Year Plan.

Sl. No	Name of the State	Telecom. Circle	Telephone District	Target	Number of telephones provided
1	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra	..	71740	56405
			Hyderabad	13930	11060
			Vijayawada	2030	2984
2	North Eastern Region	North East	..	25250	8000
			Gauhati	3520	1445
3	Bihar	Bihar	..	25570	9403
			Patna	2940	2731
4	Gujarat	Gujarat	..	44280	42002
			Ahmedabad	27600	25131
			Rajkot	3840	1305
			Surat	4050	1780
			Baroda	6300	2491
5	North West	North West	..	42220	38647
			Amritsar	590	918
			Jallandhar	1720	1126
			Ludhiana	10510	8833
			Chandigarh	12700	7391
6	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu & Kashmir	..	13310	4764
7	Karnataka	Karnatak	..	41910	39077
			Bangalore	19470	23776
8	Kerala	Kerala	..	34230	32201
			Ernakulam	3600	4989
			Calicut	720	1729
			Trivandrum	5560	5334
9	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	..	39940	20490
			Indore	8770	5284
10	Maharashtra	Maharashtra	..	65530	49901
			Bombay	234890	150414
			Poona	13559	11748
			Nagpur	3040	3997
11	Orissa	Orissa	..	23680	10635
12	Rajasthan	Rajasthan	..	40200	21236
			Jaipur	12680	10148
13	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu	..	52690	51002
			Madras	22220	23834
			Coimbatore	1740	1601
			Madurai	4000	3411

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Telecom. Circle	Telephone District	Target	Number of Telephone provided
14	Uttar Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	..	45060	35264
			Lucknow	7090	5457
			Kanpur	6760	1858
			Allahabad	350	714
			Varanasi	4930	1044
			Agra	1550	2132
15	West Bengal	West Bengal	..	23370	10485
			Calcutta	66840	28217
16	Delhi	..	Delhi	140540	100906

Note :

A target of 14.00 lakh new Telephone Connections (DELs) at an estimated outlay of Rs. 2950.00 crores for the 6th Plan period 1980-85 was originally proposed by the Department. The Plan was, however, finally approved for an outlay of Rs. 2336.00 crores only at 79-80 price level. The physical targets reduced on pro-rata basis woud work out to 11.00 lakh lines (DELs). A higher target of 13.3 lakh lines (DELs) was, however fixed on the premise that the Plan allocations could be increased subsequently depending on the resources availability.

Actual Expenditure during the Plan period 1980-85 was Rs. 2722.10 crores which after allowing for the escalation during the intervening period would work out to around Rs. 2000 crores. This is physical terms would work out to 9.5 lakh lines DELs as compared to achievements of 8.82 lakh lines DELs during the 6th Plan period.

World Bank loan for National Thermal Power Corporation

660. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level team of officials visited Washington (USA) to negotiate with the World Bank for a $400 million loan for the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), needed for the execution of three South Bassein gas-based power projects to be fed by the HBJ pipeline, proposed to be set up one each in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the outcome of the visit and the funds raised; and

(c) whether the location of the project in Rajasthan has since been decided; if so the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The projects are being negotiated and the details are being finalised.

(c) The project in Rajasthan is proposed to be located near Anta in Kota district and will have a total capacity of 430 MW with Waste Heat Recovery System.

Scheme for re-endorsement of industrial capacities

661. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revised scheme for re-endorsement of industrial capacities has been announced by Government on January 16, 1986, with a view to enabling the industrial units to maximise their production by optimum utilisation of installed capacities; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.